# ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED CLOTHES WASHERS



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# FEATURE FACT SHEET

### SPEND LESS ON YOUR LAUNDRY: LESS TIME, LESS ENERGY, LESS MONEY

Since most ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers do not have an agitator, the usable tub capacity is larger than that of conventional models. That means you can do more laundry with every load, so you spend less time and money. With these high performance washers, less really is more!

**Save energy.** ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are 50 percent more energy efficient than conventional models. This means they spend significantly less energy on heating the water and running the unit than non-qualified washers.

**Save water.** ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers typically use 40% less water than conventional models. That means saving an average of 7,000 gallons of water a year, or enough water to do over 300 loads of laundry every year.

**Save money.** Replacing your non-qualified washer with an ENERGY STAR qualified unit can save you \$45-\$130 on your water and energy bills every year. Since the average washer lasts about 11 years, that's as much as \$1,430 over the lifetime of the unit.

#### **CUTTING-EDGE FEATURES**

Because they use advanced technology, ENERGY STAR clothes washers offer more cutting-edge features than conventional models.

**Wash more laundry per load.** Many ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers have more space in the tub than non-qualified models. Some front-loaders can wash over 20 pounds of laundry at once, compared to 10-15 pounds for a standard top-loader.

**Enjoy your clothes longer.** Most ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are designed without an agitator, which can cause wear and tear on clothes.

**Use less detergent.** Most ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers need less laundry detergent than conventional models because they use less water. Manufacturers suggest using High Efficiency (HE) brand laundry detergents for the best cleaning results.

**Dry clothes faster.** With higher spin speeds, most ENERGY STAR qualified washers extract more water from clothes during the spin cycle. This feature cuts drying time—which saves you time—and reduces wear and tear on your clothes.

**Save money on dry cleaning.** Because they are gentler, some models can clean silk, wool, and other hand-washables, which means fewer trips to the dry cleaners. You can also save money on commercial cleaning by washing bulky items like bedspreads.

Look for other features in ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers, such as stainless steel tubs that won't chip or rust, stackable units that save space, and touchpad controls that offer more setting choices.

# GET THE MOST FROM YOUR WASHER

For maximum water and energy savings:

- Fill it up. Save water and energy by filling each load to capacity.
- Choose the right size. Pick a size to match your laundry needs—larger models for larger families, and smaller models for individuals and couples.
- Look for pre-soaking and suds-saver options. Both features help save energy.
- Wash in cold. Wash clothes in cold water when you can.

## ENERGY STAR: Comfort, performance, and savings throughout your home.

Products that meet strict energy guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy earn the ENERGY STAR.

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